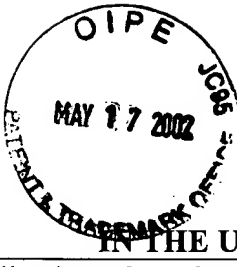


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-noted continuation application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

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- 1c (Twice Amended) A method for detecting covalent modification of a polypeptide by analyzing a sample for the presence of a modifying enzyme comprising the steps of:
- providing a polypeptide pair comprising a first polypeptide and a binding partner polypeptide capable of associating, wherein the association of the polypeptides is detectable, and covalent modification of at least one of the polypeptides results in modulation of the association and is required for said association of said first polypeptide and said binding partner polypeptide;
  - immobilizing the first polypeptide to a physical support;
  - contacting the immobilized polypeptide with the second polypeptide;
  - contacting said immobilized polypeptide and said binding partner polypeptide with said sample; and

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